

Senate Study Bill 3172

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HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a shaken baby syndrome education program.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.17 SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME
1 2 EDUCATION PROGRAM.
1 3 1. The department shall establish and administer a shaken
1 4 baby syndrome education program. For the purposes of this
1 5 section, "shaken baby syndrome" means the vigorous shaking of
1 6 an infant or a young child that may result in bleeding inside
1 7 the head, and may cause one or more of the following
1 8 conditions: irreversible brain damage; blindness, retinal
1 9 hemorrhage, or eye damage; cerebral palsy; hearing loss;
1 10 spinal cord injury, including paralysis; seizures; learning
1 11 disability; central nervous system injury as evidenced by
1 12 central nervous system hemorrhaging; closed head injury; rib
1 13 fracture; subdural hematoma; or death.
1 14 2. The objective of the program shall be to increase
1 15 public awareness regarding the existence and dangers of shaken
1 16 baby syndrome, both from the standpoint of informing the
1 17 general public and through efforts targeting specific
1 18 populations such as parents of newborn children and child care
1 19 providers. The department shall develop written information
1 20 for distribution to hospitals, local health departments,
1 21 licensed child care providers, and schools regarding the risks
1 22 associated with shaking an infant or young child; factors
1 23 placing parents, guardians, and other caregivers at risk for
1 24 shaking an infant or young child; and contacts for additional
1 25 information and referrals. The department shall also develop
1 26 a video presentation relating this information, to supplement
1 27 the written information.
1 28 3. The written information and video presentation
1 29 developed pursuant to subsection 2 shall be identified and
1 30 made readily available to a parent or guardian of each newborn
1 31 child upon discharge from a hospital licensed pursuant to
1 32 chapter 135B. The department shall develop program
1 33 participation and evaluation forms to be signed by a parent or
1 34 guardian who elects to read the information or view the video
1 35 presentation. Each hospital shall submit information to the
2 1 department on an annual basis indicating the number of signed
2 2 participation and evaluation forms the hospital has received.

EXPLANATION

2 4 This bill provides for the establishment of a shaken baby
2 5 syndrome education program by the Iowa department of public
2 6 health. The bill provides a definition of shaken baby
2 7 syndrome, and states that the objective of the program shall
2 8 be to increase public awareness, both generally and for
2 9 targeted populations, regarding the existence and dangers of
2 10 shaken baby syndrome.
2 11 The bill provides that the department shall develop written
2 12 information for distribution to hospitals, local health
2 13 departments, licensed child care providers, and schools
2 14 regarding the risks associated with shaking an infant or young
2 15 child; factors placing parents, guardians, and other
2 16 caregivers at risk for shaking an infant or young child; and
2 17 contacts for additional information and referrals. The bill

2 18 specifies that a video presentation shall also be developed to
2 19 supplement the written information. Both the written
2 20 information and the video presentation shall be made available
2 21 to a parent or guardian of each newborn upon discharge from a
2 22 licensed hospital. The bill provides that the department
2 23 shall develop program participation and evaluation forms to be
2 24 signed by a parent or guardian who reads the information or
2 25 views the video presentation at a hospital, with the number of
2 26 forms relayed by the hospital to the department on an annual
2 27 basis.
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